A.—**Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA** (Minister for Industries).—

It has been the policy of Government to encourage and develop leather industry as one of the important cottage industries in the State and this policy has been implemented under the Three-Year Development Plan.

As for organising the leather industry on a factory scale, this is an industry which should rightly fall in private sector and Government have already extended a considerable measure of support to the Mysore Chrome Tanning Company, Ltd., and will be glad to extend the necessary facilities to any other private interests that may come forward.

Swatantrapalya near Sreerampuram Extension, Bangalore.

Q.—416. **Sri V. R. NAIDU** (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Swatantrapalya near Srirampuram Extension in Bangalore City belongs to the Revenue Department or the Municipality;

(*b*) the number of huts in Swathanthrapalya and the number of persons dwelling there;

(*c*) whether it has come to their notice that the inhabitants of this Palya are experiencing difficulties for want of water and lighting facilities;

(*d*) if so, what action will be taken to provide water, lighting and housing facilities immediately for the inhabitants there?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government)—

(*a*) The area was acquired by the erstwhile Bangalore City Municipality on behalf of the Maharaja Mills for housing the Mill labourers in 1942. The extent is 13 acres and 32 guntas. The Mill authorities have paid Rs. 25,233-14-0 for the acquisition. There were about 80 to 90 huts while the erstwhile Municipal Council took position of the land. The Mill authorities appeared to have refused to take possession of the land unless vacant possession was given to the Mill authorities by the Municipality. In the meanwhile, on account of the communal disturbances in 1947, a large number of huts sprung up and people started occupying the land unauthorizedly. The entire area is now full of huts.

(*b*) There are about 1,200 huts in the area and about 6,500 persons are living in these huts.

(*c*) This is an unauthorised lay-out and no civic amenities have been provided by the Corporation. However, a few public fountains and a flushout lavatory have been provided for the use of the residents of Swathanthrapalya just at the Corporation boundary.

(*d*) This is not a Municipal lay-out and unless the purpose of the acquisition is changed and a regular lay-out is formed, it is not possible to provide water and lighting facility to the are aat Municipal cost. No taxes are being collected by the Corporation on these huts.

Munsiff's Court to Kadur.

Q.—422. **Sri Y. M. CHANDRASEKHARIAH** (Kadur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any request has been made for the grant of a Munsiff's Court at Kadur;

(*b*) whether Government intend to to give a court to Kadur?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) There is at present no proposal in this matter

Provision of Drinking Water in Chikkahalli Village, Heggadadevankote Taluk.

Q.—462. **Sri H. K. SHIVARUDRAPPA** (Gundlupet—Heggadadevanakote).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the scarcity of drinking water in Chikkahalli Village, Heggaddevanakote Taluk;

(*b*) the steps they have taken to obviate the same?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Pubiic Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the reply to (a).

Pay of employees of Akashavani

Q.—466. **Sri U. M. MADAPPA** (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when the Akashavani of Mysore was integrated with the Centre;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the officers and persons who were in the service of the Akashavani when it belonged to the Mysore Government are getting the same salaries and emoluments as before even after integration?

A.—**Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA** (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) 1st April 1950.

(*b*) The question of equating the pay of the staff of Akashavani to that of the All-India Radio is under the consideration of the Government of India.

Repair of the Thattekere Tank Bund

Q.—527. **Sri D. M. GOVINDA RAJU** (Nelamangala).—

Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the bund of the Thattekere Tank in Sompur Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, is in a state of disrepair;

(*b*) whether an estimate has been prepared for repairing the said bund;

(*c*) the amount of the estimate;

(*d*) whether the said estimate has been sanctioned by the Government?

A.—**Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA** (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 4,000.

(*d*) No.

Ambligola Project.

Q.—542. **Sri GANGA NAYAK** (Sorab-Shikaripur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that the work of Ambligola Project has not yet been started though it has been sanctioned by them for Rs. 60 lakhs;

(*b*) whether they would start the work immediately?

A.—**Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA** (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not during this year.

Allotment of Shop Sites in New Mandipet, Tumkur.

Q.—561. **Sri N. HUCHMASTHY GOWDA** (Huliyurdurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the decision arrived at with regard to allotment of shop (mandi) sites in New Mandipet, Tumkur;

(*b*) accerding to this decision, who are all the persons entitled to get those sites;

(*c*) the condition attached to the allotment of the said sites;

(*d*) whether they have accorded sanction to the said decision;

(*e*) whether sites have been allotted in accordance with the terms and conditions embodied in the decision?

A.—**Sri T. CHANNIAH** (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(*a*) The Town Municipal Council, Tumkur, have considered in the Council meeting held on 31st May 1952 the question of the allotment of sites by lot to the *bona fide* merchants as already selected by the previous Council and have resolved accordingly;

(*b*) *Bona fide* merchants;

(*c*) The Town Municipal Council, Tumkur, has allotted sites subject to the